

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

DELBERT G., <sup>1</sup>	:	Case No. 2:23-cv-1453
Plaintiff,	:	Magistrate Judge Peter B. Silvain, Jr.
v.	:	
COMMISSIONER OF THE SOCIAL	:	
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,	:	
Defendant.	:	

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**ORDER**

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This cause coming before the Court on the joint motion of the parties, due notice having been given, and the Court being fully advised,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Parties' Joint Motion for an Award of Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act is granted and the Commissioner shall pay Plaintiff's attorney fees in the amount of \$1,450.00;
2. Counsel for the parties shall verify whether or not Plaintiff owes a preexisting debt to the United States subject to offset, consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff and counsel; and
3. The case remains terminated on the docket of this Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

September 28, 2023

s/Peter B. Silvain, Jr.

Peter B. Silvain, Jr.  
United States Magistrate Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to General Order 22-01, due to significant privacy concerns in Social Security cases, any opinion, order, judgment or other disposition in Social Security cases in the Southern District of Ohio shall refer to plaintiffs only by their first names and last initials.